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## **WILLOW SPRINGS, MO., MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF METH, FIREARM**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Willow Springs, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in illegal possession of a firearm.

**Steven R. Shriver**, 32, of Willow Springs, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to two years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On June 10, 2003, **Shriver** pleaded guilty to illegal possession of a firearm and illegal possession of methamphetamine. By pleading guilty, **Shriver** admitted that he was an unlawful user of methamphetamine in illegal possession of a Bryco arms 9 mm pistol on Oct. 13, 2002, in Texas County, Mo. **Shriver** also admitted that he was in possession of methamphetamine on Jan. 1, 2003, in Texas County.

**Shriver** was arrested twice following two traffic stops, which led to his being indicted by a federal grand jury.

On Oct. 13, 2002, **Shriver** was stopped for driving a vehicle with expired license plates. A consent search of **Shriver's** person and vehicle revealed 9 mm bullets in his front pants pocket and a 9 mm pistol in the vehicle. A spoon also was found on the floorboard of the vehicle with residue which tested positive for methamphetamine.

**Shriver** was arrested again for outstanding arrest warrants on Jan. 1, 2003. At that time, he was a passenger of a vehicle stopped by law enforcement officers. Upon conducting a search of the defendant, law enforcement officers found methamphetamine in **Shriver's** possession.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Shriver** may be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. The sentence will be determined

according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Texas County, Mo., Sheriff's Office, the Bates County, Mo., Sheriff's Office and the Cabool, Mo., Police Department.

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